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# Ford Names Possibles as VPs

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Washington, Jan. 22 (News Bureau)—President Ford listed today four senators, three governors and soon-to-be Commerce Secretary Elliot L. Richardson as among those he was considering as a vice presidential running mate.

Explaining that the list was incomplete, Ford said in an interview with seven New Hampshire newspaper editors that the possibilities included Republican Sens. Edward W. Brooke (Mass.), the Senate's only black, Howard H. Baker (Tenn.), William E. Brock (Tenn.) and Charles H. Percy (Ill.).

Asked about Richardson, Ford said: "Of course. He is a cabinet member, or will be shortly."

Ford listed the three "excellent" governors as Daniel J. Evans of Washington, Robert Ray of Iowa and Christopher (Kit) Bond of Missouri.

Ford told the editors: "There is a vast potential of outstanding public officials and may be,

of course, some in the private sector who are not elected officers, who should certainly be considered for the vice presidency."

Presidential Press Secretary Ron Nessen confirmed that the eight potential running mates named were on Ford's "list" of possibilities.

Asked about George Bush, until recently the U.S. representative in to People's Republic of China, Ford replied that "he is taking himself out of consideration as his running mate in order to win Senate confirmation of his nomination to become the new Central Intelligence Agency director."

"I think that was unfortunate,"

Ford continued, "but because of his capabilities and experience and the need to have some new blood in the CIA, we agreed to it. I think it is tragic but that was an agreement that was made."

Ford said he didn't understand why senators "allegedly would vote against him" because Bush served a couple of years as chairman of the Republican National Committee.

The President noted that Sen. Henry My Jackson (Wash.)—a contender for the Democratic presidential nomination — is a former chairman of the Democratic National Committee. He said that was no reason to disqualify someone for a position or an appointment.

During the interview, Ford defended his \$394.2 billion budget and took a crack at his rival in the New Hampshire primary Ronald Reagan.

## A Comment on Reagan

"I think the best evidence of the responsible approach that I am taking," Ford said, "is the fact that every governor I have talked to—and I have now talked to almost half the governors of the country—is that the governors who have to meet the problem of providing services on the one hand and not having to raise taxes on the other, agree with me and disagree with the proposals that Gov. Reagan has recommended."

Ford is proposing to relinquish to the states \$10 billion in federal funds without controls imposed by Washington. Reagan's controversial plan is to shift to the states \$90 billion in services now paid for wholly or in part by the federal government.

Asked if he was supported in his block grant proposal by New Hampshire Gov. Meldrim Thomson, the President replied: "I don't know what his view is, but we have had a variety of governors here in various groups and every one of them endorsed my proposal and all of them literally threw up their hands when they